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Marginal Column

By John Bartlett.

THE Allies and Western Germans have held the first two of an historic series of meetings to negotiate a German military contribution to Western defence. In the very first meeting the Germans brought up their basic demand in the form of a question: "How soon can Allied reinforcements in strength arrive in Germany?" It became clear that the answer to this question, more than side issues of political sovereignty and economic concessions, will ultimately govern the German contribution. Outside the obvious response that Allied reinforcements depend on fluid considerations such as the war in Korea, Allied representatives at the first two meetings could offer no firm response.

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THE Allied authorities then had a question of their own. How rapidly could the Germans put men in uniform? Would this be by conscription or through a volunteer system? To this the Germans also had no reply. They had their own fluid political problems to consider. And so the negotiators were forced to brush the larger issues indecisively aside and go into the details of the size and possible firing power of German military units on the assumption that all will go well, and that German combat teams can be created to the satisfaction of everyone concerned.

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FOR the meetings at the Allied High Commission headquarters at Petersberg the negotiators were not restricted to generals. Financial, political as well as military experts were present, and a list of their names and their positions discloses almost as much as might be revealed in a stenographic report of the conversation. John Guthrie Ward, newly-arrived Deputy High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, acted as chairman. Leaders of the American and French delegations were Major-General George P. Hays and M. Berard, also Deputy High Commissioner, but respectively military and diplomatic experts. In attendance also was Benjamin J. Buttenwieser, assistant U.S. High Commissioner, who had just returned from the United States where he discussed the Germans' ability to pay for remilitarization. He is the recognized Allied financial authority. Also present were Major-General Lloyd Wansborough-Jones, chief of staff of the U.K. High Commission, C.D.W. O'Neill, British political director, and Major General Jean De Ganeval, French member of the Allied Military Security Board. The German group was headed by Theodor Blank, a member of the Bundestag and head of the internal security office. With him were General Hans Speidel, former Chief of Staff to General Erwin Rommel; General Adolf Heusinger, former chief of operations of the German High Command, Ernst Ostermann of the Federal Chancellery, and Count Adolf Kielmansegg, office of the commission for Allied troop questions.

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MANY more meetings will be held. But both Allied and German sources agree that they will depend to a large extent, not only on outside political influences, such as a possible Big Four meeting, but on the answer to the basic German question: "How big an Allied force can be brought to Germany to shield German remilitarization — and how soon?" For until that question is answered satisfactorily, the Allies must reckon with a growing neutrality, if not pacifism.

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PASTOR Martin Niemoeller is the leader of a group drafting an appeal to Germans not to bear arms against one another. This appeal should not be misunderstood. Pastor Niemoeller, a former submarine commander, never has been a pacifist. But he feels strongly that Germany and Germans could only lose, and never win, in another war. Dr. Niemoeller would never plead the condition of strong Allied forces for German participation. But his followers would.

London, January 22.

Cabinet Expected To Offer Budget Of IL.70 Million

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Cabinet is expected to introduce next year's budget into the Knesset some time next month, it is learned here.

A 20 per cent increase over the present budget of nearly IL.60 million is anticipated, and it is likely to include a larger portion of the defence allocation than last year. Only a portion of the total defence expenditure is included in the Ordinary Budget, the balance being covered by a special secret allocation. Apart from this adjustment, no great fiscal changes are expected.

Population Growth

The increase is largely attributable to the population growth, and the additional revenue will be taken up in extending existing Government services rather than in improving them.

A minor change in Income Tax is expected to be gazetted shortly which will enable holders of long-term bank deposits to pay less tax. The Knesset has also decided to allow a reduction in income tax on wages received for higher proficiency, and a method of assessing efficiency is now being worked out by the appropriate authorities.

Knesset May Put Off Foreign Debate

The Foreign Affairs debate scheduled for Tuesday is the principal item on this week's Knesset agenda, but in Hakirya yesterday it was stated that the Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, was indisposed and might ask for a week's postponement.

Another item on the agenda which may lead to a full dress debate is the long-postponed statement by the Minister of Education on education in the camps.

The second anniversary of the Knesset will be celebrated tonight in Jerusalem. The Speaker and his two deputies have invited guests to a celebration in the Knesset building. (See Leader — Page 4).

New bills to be introduced include an amendment to the Small Constitution designed to allow Ministers to appoint deputies from among Knesset members with the consent of the Cabinet.

State Dep't Studies Restitution Note

WASHINGTON, Sunday. — Israel's note asking for speedy action in effecting the restitution of Jewish property in Germany, which was submitted last week to the State Department by Ambassador A. Eban, has been referred to the Department's Bureau of German Affairs, a government spokesman said here yesterday. Informed sources believe the note may be acted upon jointly by the U.S., British and French governments.

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Russia Attacks Bonn Arming

LONDON, Sunday. — Russia said today she had "considerably reduced" her armed forces through demobilization from 1945 to 1948. She also said that she has withdrawn Russian armed forces from the territories of other states, "retaining them only in the countries in which their presence is provided for by appropriate agreements between the U.S.S.R., Great Britain, the U.S.A. and France."

This was stated when details of the Russian rejection of the British and French notes on German rearmament were released by Tass early today. The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vishinsky, handed the Soviet reply to the British and French envoys in Moscow yesterday.

The British and French Governments had sent similar replies on January 4 to Russian charges that proposals to include West German troops in the Atlantic Pact forces, violated their treaties with Russia.

The Soviet replies denied the British and French claims that measures being taken in West Germany were defensive. They alleged that the governments of Britain, France and the U.S. were engaged in restoring a regular army in West Germany.

"The measures taken in respect of Western Germany confirm the aggressive character of the policy of the organizers of the Atlantic Pact."

The notes added that "there was no military danger whatsoever to France, Britain, West Germany, other European countries or the U.S. from the Soviet Union or the peoples democracies" and that therefore the argument about the defensive character of the preparations was not valid.

The Soviets refuted the French statement that the German war industry was not being re-established and called the Schuman plan "nothing else than a plan for the reestablishment of German industrial power."

A spokesman of the French Foreign Ministry said that the Russian reply was "a repetition of old arguments." He added that the note, now being studied by his government, brought nothing fresh to the rearmament issue.

The British Foreign Office said that officials were studying the Russian note but were not yet ready to comment.

Granott Outlines $250m. JNF Plan

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP) — Dr. A. Granott, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund, outlined at the Fund's Golden Jubilee Conference yesterday a $250m. Five-Year Programme for the development of the land and water resources of Israel.

The plan called for the expenditure of $50m. each year and included: purchase of 2m. dunams of land, planting of 50m. trees, irrigation of the Negev and the Jerusalem Corridor, and drainage of the Huleh swamp.

"This plan," said Dr. Granott, "will provide a livelihood for 250,000 families. It will embrace the development of areas on which further farm villages can be established, which will become the basis for still larger populations in the future." Tree planting will cost $70m. Irrigation, drainage and other reclamation projects will cost $20m.

Five Million Citizens

Dr. Israel Goldstein, Chairman of the Jubilee Committee, predicted that Israel would be able to support a population of 5m. within 50 years. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, said that tremendous economic effort would be necessary for decades to "implement this most ambitious ideal."

Vice-President Alben Barkley was expected to address the closing session of the Conference tonight. Other speakers listed for the closing session were the retiring Ambassador to Israel, Mr. J.G. McDonald; Mr. A. Eban; Mr. P. Lavon, the Israel Minister of Agriculture; and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, veteran Zionist leader.

(See IL-15m. Budget — Page 3)

Credits from U.K. Thought Likely

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The release of Israel's sterling balances paves the way for British credits to Israel, it was thought in informed circles here today.

The sums to be released are thought to approximate Israel's minimum sterling requirements next year. Later, it is presumed that Great Britain would be interested in fostering her interests and her trade with this country by coming to financial arrangements.

Out of the £7m. to be released in 1951, Israel will be able to use £1.5m. outside the Sterling Bloc. Another important feature of the new arrangement is that no sums have been earmarked for oil purchases, while nearly half of last year's sum released was earmarked for that purpose.

The released sterling will be used mainly for the purchase of raw materials and light industrial equipment, it is believed here. The impact of the agreement will not be felt directly by the man-in-the-street as no mass consumption goods will be acquired.

Mr. David Horowitz, Economic Adviser to the Government, who was expected to be back tomorrow after the completion of the negotiations, has postponed his return in order to complete negotiations with the oil companies. It is understood that Israel wants the C.R.I. to refine all the country's petrol requirements, which are about 50 per cent higher this year than they were in 1950, when 800,000 tons of fuel were refined.

Zealots Burn Bus, Warn Driver for Playing Radio

Sabbath zealots in Jerusalem are believed to have made another attempt in the early hours of yesterday morning to destroy a vehicle.

Shortly after 2 a.m. a small fire was started in an Egged bus that was parked at the central station. Kerosene-soaked rags were found in the bus by the Fire Brigade which extinguished the blaze after it had done some damage.

Warnings "to heed the Sabbath" were found smeared on the bus.

Letter in Bus

A letter addressed to an Egged bus driver was found in a bus that stood next to the damaged one. It warned the driver not to play the radio in his home on the Sabbath, and threatened to "take steps" against his wife and children if he failed to heed the warning.

Three men and a 14-year-old boy are being held by the Jerusalem police in connection with the seven arson incidents against vehicles on Friday.

The men are Bezalel Ravitz, 17; Eliahu Sophir, 17; and Zalman Weisfish, 32, whose brother, Leibel, a member of the Natorei Karta, recently returned from Jordan after voluntarily crossing the lines.

Magistrate Y. Cohen remanded the four suspects for seven days.

Commenting on the incidents, "Hador," the Mapai afternoon daily, said yesterday that "zeal begets zeal."

"A fire burning in one place can spread and develop into a dangerous blaze. The authorities responsible for the maintenance of public peace must suppress the first fire with strong measures before it spreads," it said.

(See Picture, Page 4)

Lockout Threatened If More Strikes Called

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A Manufacturers' Association spokesman said today that if any more metal industry strikes were to be called, the Association would retaliate with a lock-out throughout the entire industry. No more strikes have been ordered by the Histadrut.

No contact between the parties has been made or attempted, and the Government has shown no intention of intervening. It has been argued in Labour circles that the Government cannot intervene, because it did not intervene in the orange growers' strike.

Egypt Tells League to Drive Bargain Before Joining West

Nuri Pasha e-Said told Saturday night's meeting of the Arab League Political Committee that the Arab world should ally itself with the West, according to U.P.

He said neutrality in the East-West conflict was impractical because the Arab states lay across the world's strategic highways. The Egyptian premier is said to have declared that a prerequisite for such alliance should be Western acceptance of Arab national aspirations.

But few actual details were known in Cairo yesterday on the two-hour opening session of the Political Committee. After the meeting, the Secretary-General of the League, Azzam Pasha, confirmed that the agenda had been fixed and announced that the Committee will hold its first regular session this afternoon.

Hashemites Stay Out

ANA reports from Cairo that during this first recess consultations are taking place between the various delegations in an all-out effort to reach agreement. The first of these consultations started yesterday morning between the Iraqi and Egyptian delegations. Afterwards Salah e-Din, Egyptian Foreign Minister, told ANA that it was still doubtful whether the Hashemite countries would finally agree to sign the Arab collective security pact.

Iraq Denies Ban On Emigration

The Iraq authorities have denied reports that the government intends to ban further migration of Iraq Jews to Israel, according to NEARS. The radio added that 90,000 Jews will be leaving Iraq "as soon as possible."

The problem of immigration from Iraq was discussed at a meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem yesterday.

The meeting, which was under the chairmanship of Mr. Berl Locker, also heard a report by the General Secretary, Mr. S. Eisenberg, on economies that will result from the recent reorganization of the Paris office of the Agency.

Speed Up Pledged

A pledge to take all possible steps to speed up immigration from Iraq was given by Mr. Y. Raphael, Director of the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency, to a delegation of Iraqi immigrants yesterday.

U.S. May Offer Grain to Ease Indian Famine

WASHINGTON, Sunday (A.P.). — President Truman's administration may soon ask Congress to extend a $200m. gift of grain to India. According to Indian government estimates, the lives of ten million or more persons are jeopardized as the result of floods, drought and earthquakes.

In view of the serious shortage of grains, the ration throughout India has been cut by a quarter. The ration system covers about 113 million people, or nearly one-third of the total population. The shortage is estimated at six million tons.

India is so short of food that "we are asking all countries to come to our aid and give us whatever they can," the Indian High Commissioner in Australia said yesterday, opening an agricultural conference at Lithgow, New South Wales.

It is uncertain, however, whether the U.S. Congress is in the mood to vote funds without political strings in view of Shri Nehru's refusal to support U.S. policy in Asia.

Fear of War

In Bombay the Indian Prime Minister, returning home from the Commonwealth Premier's Conference in London, today repeated his plea for continued negotiations with China over Korea.

He said: "I have found everywhere a fear of war and a desire for peace. What is important is the mood of peace and a friendly approach which does not mean giving in," he added. India's policy is to be friendly with all countries on honourable terms, while in Kashmir, so long as nothing else happens, it amounts to a tacit acceptance of the present position, he said.

Door Still Open

Returning to the Chinese problem, the Premier said that his own feeling was that the Chinese government would welcome negotiations leading to a settlement. It would be unwise in the extreme to regard the door for negotiations as finally shut, he added.

Shri Nehru said for the present any "condemnation of China or any other country at Lake Success worsens the situation greatly and therefore we are against it."

KASHMIR ISSUE FOR SECURITY COUNCIL

KARACHI, Sunday — The Pakistan Foreign Minister, Sir Zafrullah Khan, left today for Lake Success to lay the Kashmir dispute before the Security Council.

Asked as to his government's opinion of the proposal branding China as an aggressor, Sir Zafrullah said the matter should be given careful consideration. "We can't decide the question by theoretical considerations alone," he said.

Asian Group Tries Again For Seven-Power Far East Talks

Recapture and Loss of Wonju As Chinese Test for Mass Drive

TOKYO, Sunday. — U.N. forces with tank and artillery support drove into strategic Wonju today for the fourth time in five days and held its airstrip for three hours, but Communist fire from the hilltops made it too perilous to hold overnight.

The 8th Army said that aggressive action also forced allied troops to withdraw from Ichon, 47 kms. west of Wonju. Allied patrols had probed north of Ichon during the past three days.

A 12-hour Chinese attack drove the Allies back about four kilometres from the west central road hub of Ichon in what may have been the first probing attack of their long-expected mass assault.

Increased Communist activity was observed in the area of Yongwol which lies 48 kms. southeast of Wonju and is just north of the 37th Parallel. Two Chinese divisions were reported in the area of Kumyangjong 16 kms. northeast of Osan, in the west coast area.

The largest number of Communist jet aircraft yet seen, 41 MIG 15s, swept over North Korea today battling with 24 U.N. jet fighters in several separate engagements. One enemy plane was shot down in flames and another was damaged.

Superforts struck at five Communist centres in Korea with 176 tons of bombs. Planes flew on missions intended to slow the flow of Chinese troops and supplies to the battle areas. Twenty-four B-29s, divided into small groups, bombed various railyards.

(A.P., Reuter)

Lie Reports Less Fear in Europe

NEW YORK, Sunday (AP). — Mr. Trygve Lie, U.N. Secretary-General, returned here today from London and said he found in Europe "less fear of an imminent world war" now than on his previous visit, last summer. He added: "Faith in the U.N. is today even better than in August of last year."

He said U.N. action in Korea and its "unified action for peace" were partly responsible. He was very disappointed, he said, when he learnt of Peking's refusal to accept the U.N. cease-fire plan.

Eisenhower Sees Adenauer Today

FRANKFURT, Sunday (Reuter). — General Eisenhower will meet Chancellor Adenauer and other West German leaders, including ex-generals, at an Allied reception near here tomorrow evening.

The Supreme Commander of the Atlantic Army, who arrived here yesterday on the last stage of his defence tour of western Europe, will go to the reception after conferring with the three Allied High Commissioners at the American High Commission's H.Q. here in the afternoon.

General Eisenhower is due to leave for Paris on Tuesday, fly to Iceland on Thursday and reach Ottawa on the last stage of his present tour by January 26. His press officer here has denied reports that the Atlantic Commander would visit Greece during his present tour of Europe.

Barracking Of Bevin Resumed

LONDON, Sunday. — More cabinet changes are expected in the new session of Parliament which opens on Tuesday—facing grave issues of "guns or butter."

Two Ministers, M. Aneurin Bevan (Labour) and one-time Chancellor of the Exchequeur, Dr. Hugh Dalton (Housing) know it will be their task to persuade the people to accept new austerities as manpower is switched to arms making and priorities for house building are reduced.

It is considered by some that health reasons may soon bring changes in the Foreign Secretaryship where ailing Ernest Bevin has been established since 1945. The new appointments for Dr. Dalton and Mr. Bevan eliminate two men who had been considered likely candidates, leaving the field clear, it is thought, for Sir Hartley Shawcross, the Attorney General, or Mr. Hector McNeill, previously Mr. Bevin's right hand in the Foreign Office.

Physical Incapacity

The British press has been most outspoken during last week on Mr. Bevin. The liberal "News Chronicle," wrote: "It is permissible to doubt whether Mr. Bevin, for all his gifts, is physically capable of the immense task of interpretation and elucidation that will be required during the coming months."

The Conservative "Daily Express" said, "Mr. Ernest Bevin stays to keep his blundering hand on foreign policy." The more official Conservative "Daily Telegraph," said, "It is really pitiful to see Mr. Bevin having to grapple both with ill-health and an exacting job at the Foreign Office simply because Mr. Attlee cannot find a suitable substitute for him in his own party."

And so it seems to most observers: Mr. Bevin will be able to hold his own against the innumerable "stabbings in the back" he endures at home, even though he may find Mr. Acheson and M. Vishinsky tougher customers.

(A.P., Reuter)

SYRIAN POLICE TRAIN IN ITALY

ROME, Sunday (UP). — A large group of Syrian police officers arrived here by plane today from Damascus for a six-month course at the Italian Police Officers' Training School.

Adjournment In Egypt £ Talks

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — The Egyptian Financial Undersecretary said last night that he hoped Britain would find a way to meet Egypt on the basis of the latest Egyptian proposals in the Anglo-Egyptian sterling talks. Dr. Tewfik Yunis Bey arrived back from London last night. He told reporters that the sterling talks had been adjourned for a short time.

He hoped that the British would reconsider the situation in order to maintain "the traditional friendship" between the two countries.

Large Vote Expected For American View

LAKE SUCCESS, Sunday — (Reuter). — The 12-nation Arab and Asian bloc delegates sponsoring a new Korean Cease Fire Resolution met at Lake Success last night after the U.N. Political Committee had adjourned. The new draft resolution would be a revised version of the proposal introduced by the group last December but for which priority was not then asked.

The important aspect of the new resolution was said to be that there would be no direct reference to a cease-fire but instead to appointing a Commission of Seven to study all existing issues in the Far East. The President of the General Assembly would be empowered to call into being the body of seven nations mentioned by Sir Benegal Rau of India in his speech of December 12. The seven nations are the Big Five, India and Egypt.

Usually well-informed sources said the new Asian-Arab resolution would propose that the seven nations body should proceed to study all Far East questions as soon as a lull occurs in the fighting in Korea, and the President of the Assembly feels that the body could usefully embark on its task.

Asian Bloc Cool

The 12 countries have told the Political Committee that they are not prepared at present to condemn China outright for aggression in Korea. The Committee will tomorrow continue its consideration of the American resolution.

Britain's attitude to the American resolution was regarded here as a crucial factor in tomorrow's debate. The British Cabinet is meeting tomorrow morning, and the five-hour time lag between Britain and the United States would allow a decision to reach Sir Gladwyn Jebb in time for the Committee's meeting at 20.00 GMT.

Among the other Commonwealth nations, it was understood that Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa would be prepared to support the American resolution. According to latest information, India and Pakistan would either oppose it or abstain from voting.

Big Majority Expected

Experts predict a final result of about 42 in favour, five against and 15 abstentions.

Diplomatic circles here were undoubtedly worried at the possibility of a split in the final voting. They said if 12 or more Asian nations refused to support the American resolution, this could become a trump card in Soviet propaganda.

Mr. Ernest Gross, deputy leader of the American delegation, said in Roanoke last night that the U.S. resolution would be adopted. He said American officials felt that action should have been taken without delay, but had agreed to move slowly in the hope of preserving unity "among the free nations."

Alpine Avalanches Bury More Than Eighty

VIENNA, Sunday. — Fresh avalanches of snow and ice claimed more victims in Alpine towns and villages in Switzerland, Austria and Northern Italy today. Unofficial estimates put the death-roll at more than 80, while rescuers still strove to release scores of others trapped in buildings engulfed by the roaring snow-slides of the last two days.

Late tonight, reports showed that fog seemed to be taking the place of falling snow. Avalanches were still rolling down the hills, but it seemed as if the worst was over.

Rescue workers from Geneva have found the bodies or the snowy tombs of 49 persons in Swiss mountain villages. Many other persons are still missing and the snow was still sliding down the mountains in great powdery masses late today.

The small village of Vals in central Switzerland was completely cut off from the outside world.

The picturesque village of Heiligenblut in the Austrian province of Carinthia was the scene today of the greatest Alpine tragedy ever recorded there.

According to telephone reports reaching Vienna, an avalanche of enormous size rolling down the slopes of the Grossglockner massif early this morning buried 15 persons. Only three have been rescued alive so far.

More than 150 persons engaged in rescue activities had to abandon their efforts shortly before noon owing to the danger of further avalanches. Witnesses said the avalanche, coming down at a terrific speed, broke trees in a forest near Heiligenblut like matches.

First of all a farmhouse was carried off with all its contents, including six persons and a number of cattle. Only a little girl was thrown out of the window by the enormous air pressure and remained alive.

Like an Earthquake

When the avalanche reached Heiligenblut it shook the village like "an earthquake," the report said. It destroyed four buildings completely while others disappeared under huge masses of snow. Owing to the immediate danger of further avalanches, the immediate evacuation of half the village has been ordered.

Local authorities further expressed fears for a labour camp higher up in the mountains, where all communications with the 200 members have been cut off.

(A.P., Reuter)

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Social & Personal

The Polish trade delegation to discuss a renewal of the Israel-Polish trade agreement is due here next week.

Mr. Michael Palgi, Director of the Import Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, left for France yesterday in connection with the import of foodstuffs from that country.

The premiere of "The Well of Sheep," by Lope de Vega, will be presented by Habimah tonight.

Miss Isa Kraemer, the diseuse, gave her first performance in Tel Aviv on Saturday night.

The monthly luncheon of the Tel Aviv Association of University Women will be held tomorrow at the Wizo Club-room, 21 Rehov Hayarkon. The guest speaker will be Professor Norman Bentwich.

The annual general meeting of the Jerusalem Chamber of Commerce will take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the Bet Hahakirot.

Mr. Baruch Dinar, of the Israel Films Studio, left for England yesterday to be present for the final stages of production of "Ir Chalim," a documentary on ma'abarot which has been filmed in Israel by the company.

BIRTH

WILLHEIM.—To Orah (nee Naskovitz), wife of Artzi Willheim, on Friday, January 19, 1951, at the Elisha Hospital, Haifa—a daughter, sister to Leah.

ENGAGEMENT

GROSS-ELLERN

The engagement is announced between Baruch, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gross, of Tel Aviv, and Miriam, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ellern, of Ramat Gan.

D.P.'s Scared From Ethiopia

CAIRO, Sunday (AP). — Threatened by hostile spear-brandishing tribesmen, about a hundred European displaced persons are reported to be fleeing Ethiopia. A Cairo report said the disillusioned and frightened refugees have abandoned hope of starting life anew in Africa, and are returning to camps in Europe.

The informant said that most of those fleeing were newly-established farmers in the remote interior south of Addis Ababa. The refugees are reported to have sought refuge in Addis Ababa.

The informant said the International Refugee Organization representative in Ethiopia was now seeking exit visas and transport back to Europe for the refugees.

Legionnaires Jailed For Beating Villagers

The Jordan Defence Minister, Omar Pasha Matar, told the House on Wednesday that three Legion cavalry officers had been sentenced to prison terms and one other had been dismissed for authorizing the beating by soldiers of villagers, "El Urdun" reports.

Instructions have been issued to all Legion officers "to refrain from using their clubs or fists while dealing with civilians."

1.5m. DINARS ASKED FOR AKABA-AMMAN ROAD

The Jordan Public Works Department has asked the Cabinet to approve a 1.5m. dinar grant to construct the planned Amman-Akaba road, "El Urdun" reports.

MINK STOLEN FROM IRAQI LONDON EMBASSY

LONDON, Sunday (UP). — Thieves stole a mink coat and other articles from the cloakroom during a reception at the home of the Iraqi Ambassador here Friday night. The owner of the coat was not identified.

The Hebrew National
OPERA
TEL AVIV: Habimah
Tomorrow, Jan. 23, 8 p.m.
HAIFA: Armon
Thursday, Jan. 25, 8 p.m.
Tosca
with RICHARD ARIE
[illegible]
TICKETS: [illegible]

AT THE CINEMA

"MRS. Mike" (Edison, Jerusalem) is a tearful melodrama about Katherine Mary O'Fallon (Evelyn Keyes), of Boston, who left family and friends and journeyed 4,000 miles into the wilderness to find her kind of man—Northwest Mounted Policeman Michael Flanagan (Dick Powell). Mary seems frightened from the beginning, suffering overmuch from the loneliness of an environment—strange, uncultivated and inhabited by Wild Red Indians. Life is trying in the wild North, and Mrs. Mike decides to leave Mr. Mike just five minutes before the end of the ten-reeler. However, all turns out well in the end.

Tyranny in S. America

"CRISIS" (Eden) is a drama about tyranny in South America, but broader than its geographical framework in implication. Dr. Ferguson (Cary Grant) is on a holiday trip with his young wife. When revolution breaks out, they decide to go home. On their way, they are taken into custody. The doctor is taken to the house of the sick President (Jose Ferrar) who suffers from a brain tumour, and is forced to operate on him. As his wife is sent home, the President's opponents send the doctor a letter threatening to kill her unless he does away with the patient during the operation. The letter is intercepted by the President's wife, the operation succeeds, and so does the revolution. It would be unfair to reveal the outcome. The attractive ladies are played by Paula Raymond and Signe Hasso. The silent film matinee idol, Ramon Novarro, also appears. Vincent Gomez plays a famous guitarist who refuses to perform under the Fascist regime. An evening for strong nerves.

FRANGO

Navy Air War

"TASK Force" (Zion) is a lengthy film of the career of a U.S. carrier force, and the love-life of Gary Cooper. Neither are convincing. The high emotional moments of the film are marked by deep bass chords, shadowy photography and screaming aircraft. The last sequences of "Task Force" are in technicolor that is as blatant as the dialogue. For the record Gary Cooper is greying gracefully and Miss Jane Wyatt remains immaculately dressed even at the height of a Pearl Harbour bombardment.

—J. R.

Muni and the Devil

IN the first scenes of "Angel on My Shoulder" (Allenby, Tel Aviv) the hero (Paul Muni) is killed, and many patrons justifiably suspect that the film will soon come to an end. After some camera trickery, however, we meet the gangster in hell, where through the intervention of the infernal boss, Claude Rains, Paul's soul returns to earth, and inhabits the body of an ailing judge. The irritation of the judge's secretary, and fiancee (Anne Baxter) at his gangster-jargon and uncouth behaviour is one of the funnier aspects of the film. Altogether, however, the production does not fully exploit the full possibilities of the theme. Moreover, Paul Muni seems here to have lost the poignancy of his talents.

Prague Against the Nazis

THE Czech film, "The Silent Barricade" (Migdalor), deals with the upheavals of the inhabitants of Prague against the German occupation during May, 1945, when the Americans retired from the outskirts of the city to let the Russians liberate the capital. The film is produced in a style similar to Rosselini's neorealism, and the scenes in the menacingly empty streets of Prague are obviously influenced by the Italian director's shots of Florence in "Paisan." In this film, the atmosphere of a city paralysed is well maintained, and the acting is outstanding. Only the final apotheosis of the Russians at the end of the film lacks the pictorial power of the rest of the film.

MANDO

Jerusalem Cinemas

At 2, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

EDEN: Crisis.
EDISON: Mrs. Mike.
ORION: Ghetto Theresienstadt (6.30 & 8.30 p.m.).
SEMADAR: The Search (6.30 & 8.30 p.m.).
STUDIO: Letter from an Unknown Woman.
ZION: Task Force.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

7.45 p.m.: Dr. A. [illegible], lecture [illegible] Anti-Tuberculosis League, Brandeis Centre.
9-1, 3-6: "Wild Plants" in water colours by Ruth Koppel. Also: other recent acquisitions; Exhibit of the Month: Japanese Colour Woodcuts. Bezalel Museum.
10-1; 4-7: Oil Paintings, Water Colours & Drawings by Grete Krakauer-Wolf; Artists' House.

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5-8: Gouaches by Elishu Sigard and Mahurka Lampe: Tel Aviv Museum.
8 p.m.: "Tartuffe," Chamber Theatre: Morrabi Hall.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.
10-1; 4-6: Municipal Museum; 2 Hassan Shukri Street.

WIRELESS PROGRAMMES

TEL AVIV: 42.3, 32.4 & 329 M.; JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6, 8.30 and 7.25 p.m.; English: 2 and 10.15 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.45 p.m.; French: 3 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.55 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies. 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.30 Close Down.

10 a.m. Morning Concert (R). 10.30 Music of the People (R). 11.00 Concert Hall: Suite "Old Italian Dances & Airs" (Respighi); Concerto for Violin & Orchestra (Kreisler); Symphony No. 2 (Alfano). 12.00 M. Break for Music (R). 12.30 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme. 1.45 Housewives' Corner. 2.15 Football Match for Camp Commander's Cup.

4.30 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 4.30 Oriental Music: E. Aharon. 4.30 Piano Recital: David Shapiro. 5.00 Variety (R). 5.30 Talk by E. Oldwagner. 5.45 Interlude. 5.50 Agricultural Corner. 6.15 "Echoes of the Week" by D. Shor. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 "From Worker to Worker": Talk. 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 Weekly Talmud Lesson, Rabbi S. Assaf (Jerusalem). 8.45 Folk Dances (Tel Aviv). 9.15 Chamber Theatre: "St. Joan." 10.00 Vocal Recital: Efraim Di Zahav: Tu B'Shvat Songs. 10.30 Recital: Sasha Parnes & Moshe Lustig. 11.00 Israel Songs (R). 11.15 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (33.3 M.): 7.00 p.m. Yiddish; 7.30 p.m.: Ladino; 7.45 p.m. French.

Kol Zion Lagola (33.3 M.): 12.00 M. Newsreel. 12.15 Kol Zion Ensemble: Tu B'Shvat Songs.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (31.32 and 25.92 M.): 6.30 News. 6.40 News Talk. 6.45 Questions & Answers.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (215, 224, & 41 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.33 Classical Request Programme. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Weekly Interview, by D. Rivlin. 7.50 Interlude. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.40 Interlude. 8.45 Army Quiz. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

Evening of CHAMBER MUSIC
Tonight, 8.45, Y.M.C.A. Jerusalem
Works by MOZART, GLINKA, BEETHOVEN
Participants: Reiss, Rubinstein, Berant, Aharon, Aharoni
Tickets at the Box Office

Park Plan To Preserve Panorama

HAIFA, Sunday. — The preservation and development of the panoramic view on Mt. Carmel, regarded as one of the finest natural beauty spots in Israel, was urged by the Haifa Architects' Association last week.

The Haifa architects called on the public to support a plan to create a 400-dunam park and beauty spot below Panorama Road, and stressed the need to prevent its becoming a built-up area.

Mr. J. L. A. Watson, Haifa City Engineer, said that the scheme had been enthusiastically adopted by the Municipality as a means of providing a badly needed public park and of attracting tourists to the town.

While considerable areas of Government-controlled land had been made available in other towns for similar purposes, Haifa had been neglected in this respect, he said. He called on the Government to preserve the area as a national reserve and to compensate owners of building lots by granting them land elsewhere.

Hollywood to Film J'lem Convoy Story

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is to make a film in Hollywood entitled "The Road to Jerusalem," based on the story of the convoys during Israel's War of Independence, it has been learned here.

The background music will be based on the song "Bab el Wad," whose composer, Shmuel Perschko, is expected to leave for the U.S. shortly.

RADIO ADVICE ASKED BY JORDAN FROM BRITAIN

Following frequent complaints about the standard of Jordan's Ramallah Radio, the government has invited a number of British broadcasting experts for their advice, "El Urdun" reports.

Record Wool Boom In South Africa

By John Worrall

CAPE TOWN.—SOUTH Africa is in the throes of an all-time record wool boom. With world demand forcing prices up to fantastic heights, sheep farmers in Cape Province and Natal are making profits undreamed of four years ago.

Production is increasing rapidly and has been helped by the weather, especially in the Union's main sheep farming area, the semi-arid Karoo which has had unprecedented rains to enrich its vast grazing areas.

The golden fleece is South Africa's new god, and is becoming a vital factor in the Union's economy. Four years ago farmers were getting £20 sterling a bale for their best wool. Today they are getting £150. Nineteen years ago they were lucky to get £6.

Last year South Africa's total wool clip realized £38 million. It is estimated that this year's clip will bring anything above £87 million into the farmer's pockets. At one wool sale in Port Elizabeth recently a farmer got £6,500 for wool from 930 sheep — a quarter of his flock. A Somerset East farmer will receive £50,000 for his clip this year, but he will have to pay £31,000 in taxes. He is one of more than 70 people in this country whose taxable income is more than £20,000 a year.

Farmer's Luck

South Africa's wool income this year will be divided among 80,000 farmers. They range from big ranchers with nine or ten thousand sheep to the poor backveld farmer with a few hundred which in the past he has regarded as a sideline. With farms heavily mortgaged, scratching a living from poor soil, these small farmers find themselves this year with sums ranging from £800 to £1,000 earned from sheep which once brought them a mere £40 or £50. If he is wise, the farmer is busy paying off his mortgages and loans, but some are bewildered by the sudden fortunes and dazzled by the leap in their spending power.

Small farmers with money to burn are coming in from the country to spend lavishly on luxuries they have never been able to afford before. One farmer left a wool sale in Port Elizabeth with £14,000 in his pocket and promptly bought himself four cars. "Wool won't always fetch high prices, but cars will be an investment for years," he said.

There are even stories of sheep-farmers who, reluctant to kill their golden rams, are buying meat for their own consumption. Such a boom is unhealthy at the best of times, especially now when South Africa is creeping slowly up a new spiral of inflation.

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Salah Refuses Resignation

CAIRO, Sunday (UP). — The Egyptian Prime Minister, Salah e-Din, said today that he refused to accept the resignation of his Minister of Justice, Abdul Fattah el Tawil. The minister resigned last Tuesday because of "ill health," 24 hours after the release of the major findings of the government's investigation into irregularities in army contracts for equipment in the Palestine war.

Talks Held On Union for Rabbis

Preliminary talks between rabbinical groups were held recently in several cities to plan the formation of a country-wide "union of rabbis."

Very little has been accomplished thus far, it was learned, and further talks are scheduled. It was reported that the union would deal with problems of certification, remuneration and other questions affecting the rabbinate.

THE 27th ANNIVERSARY of the death of the founder of the Soviet Union was observed in Moscow yesterday by thousands of citizens visiting the Lenin mausoleum in Red Square.

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON SUNDAY

Kotka, Pan., Gen. Cargo.
Venetian, Br., Loads Citrus.
Transilvania, Rum., Immigrants, Gen. Cargo.
Tafonit, Is., Wood.
Yaffo, Is., Gen. Cargo.
Haifa, Is., Gen. Cargo.
Dimitrov, Rum., Gen. Cargo.
Hellenic Chrisoula, Pan., Gen. Cargo.
Grynafjell, Frisian Is., Cement, Pipes.
Herakles, Pan., Fodder, Gen. Cargo.
Bulbul, Tur., San, Barrels.
Commodore Grant, Br. Gen. Cargo.
Helvig, Dan., Potatoes.
Scio, Hond., Compl. Unloading.

SHIPS EXPECTED

Date	Ship	Cargo
21	Gavriel	Raisins.
21	Assiasund	Frozen Fish.
21	Fandango	Frozen Fish.
21	San Angelo	Wheat, Soybean.
21	Akasso	Passengers.
21	Galilah	Immigrants, Passengers, Gen. Cargo.
21	Kingsford	Gen. Cargo, Rails, Iron.
21	Hashlosha	Gen. Cargo.
21	Komemiut	Boxes.
21	Vanta-joekoll	Fish.
22	Atlas	Machines.
23	Marit Maersk	Barley.
23	Flora Nomikos	Barley.
24	Columbia Heights	Bagged Cargo, Livestock
24	Totposku	Cement, Gen. Cargo.
25	Eugenio	Wood, Household Effects, Gen. Cargo.
25	Syrian Prince	Gen. Cargo, Mail.
25	Koklukol	Wood.
28	Espera	Barley.
29	Heathmore	Gen. Cargo.
29	Kara	Cattle.

No ships in Tel Aviv and Jaffa Ports.

DEPARTURES FROM JAFFA PORT IN LAST 24 HRS.

Tilla Gorthon Swedish

Immigrants Get Three Dunams for Farms

TIBERIAS, Sunday. — The 120 Yemenite families at the ma'abara of Zanghariya will receive three dunams each for auxiliary farming, and water from the Mekorot Company for irrigation. They will also be granted a small sum of money for equipment.

When they heard the news from Jewish Agency leaders, the Yemenites agreed to move into their new dwellings which they had previously boycotted. They were also persuaded to work in afforestation on a remunerative contract basis instead of for daily wages.

STATE OF ISRAEL

Notices to the Public

3½ Per Cent War Loan (1954-1959)

Owing to the payment of interest on the 3½ Per Cent War Loan (1954-1959), the Loan Register will be closed and no further transfers of the above Loan will be made from January 29-February 28, 1951, inclusive.

STOCK MARKET TEL AVIV

JAN. 21.	Buyers	Sellers
Government Loans		
5% due 31.12.58	100	100½
Pop. 49-69 (IL.10)	99½	100½
ditto (IL.20)	99½	100½
Bk. Leumi Le'Israel		
"A" Ord. Sh.	155	—
8% Nat. Loan		
1949/53 (IL.10)	131½	132½
(large)	127½	128½
A.P.B. Invest.		
4% Debs. 50/70	97½	98½
4% Debs. 51/71	97½	98½
4% Debs. 60/73	96½	97(a)
4½% Pref. Shares	97½	98½
Gen. Mortg. Bk.		
4% Debs. 48/63	93½	93½
4% Debs. 49/64	93½	94½
4% Debs. 52/66	91½	92½
4% Debs. 55/69	92½	93½
6% Pref. Shares	107½	108½
Ord. Shares	109	110
Bizur Debs.		
4% 46/58	93½	94½
4½% 52/66 reg.	92½	93½
Nir Ltd.		
4% Debs. 37/51	97½	—
4% Debs. 39/59	—	92
5% Pref. Shares	79½	80½
4% Pref. Shares	72½	73½
4½% Pref. Sh. reg.	73	74
Pasa Debs.		
4% 42/62	88	88
4% 40/64	89½	90½
Izva Ltd.		
5% Debs. 40/61	98½	99½
P.I.D.C.		
6% Pref. Shares	108½	109½
Ord. Shares	150½	—
Afr.-Pal. Inv.		
Ord. Shares	125½	—
Rassco		
4% Debs. 41/55	96½	97½
4% Debs. 47/61	91	—
4% Debs. 56/83	84½	85½
Mort.-Sav. Bk.		
5% Debs. 58/69	96½	97½
Potash		
6% Pref. Shares	—	16/6
"A" Ord. Shares	16/-	16/9
Pal. Electric		
Ord. Sh. (Ldn.)	31/-	31/9
Israel Issue	32/3	32/9
Jer. Electric		
Ord. Sh. (Ldn.)	19/9	20/6
Mekoroth Ltd.		
5% Pref. Sh.	81	82
Ata		
4% "B" Pref. Sh.	103½	104½
4% "C" Pref. Sh.	102½	103½
Ord. Sh. "B" reg.	128½	129½
Kaor		
5½% Pref. Sh. reg.	85½	86½
S.A. Binyan		
Ord. Shares	—	100½
Pal. Cir. Trade		
5% Pref. Shares	82½	83½
Hamashbir Fin.		
4½% Debs. 47/61	96	97
"Atid" Navig.		
5% Debs. 50/69	78½	79½
Pal. Bearer Bd.		
Ser. 1	10.150	10.250
Ser. 2, 3	10.225	10.325

Note: a) ex coupon.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: — Geulah, Rehov Geulah, 4850; Zion, 50 Ussishkin, 5901.

TEL AVIV: — Rambam, 72 Allenby, 3968; Yehuda Halevi, 91 Yehuda Halevi, 5159; Yeshun, 61 Herzl, 6323; Hagalil, 80 Ben Yehuda, 3353; Jaffa, 10 4th St., Jaffa, 80700; Herzl, 54 Herzl, Ramat Gan; Briut, 7 Syrkin, Givatayim.

HAIFA: — Nordau, 13 Nordau, 4099; Masor, 17 Garden, German Colony, 4738; Shomron, Kiryat Motzkin, 7202.



Pro. Show Down-Under

Pancho Gonzales beat Dinny Pails, 6/4, 2/6, 14/12, in the first Sydney (Australia) matches of the U.S. tennis professionals tour on Sunday last. Frank Parker beat Donald Budge 6/1, 4/6, 6/3. Rain stopped a doubles match between Pails and Parker and Gonzales and Budge, when the score stood at two-all.

Swedes Against Free Style Wrestling

By Per Bergstrom.

STOCKHOLM, (UP). — Free style wrestling is a dangerous and degenerate form of the old distinguished art of wrestling, many Swedish experts believe. And it is only with a bad grace that Sweden and the other Scandinavian countries compete in free style, the reason being that it is included in the programme of the Olympic Games and World European championships.

Many of Sweden's Olympic and World champions have decided, after years of practising the sport, that the free style is directly dangerous to health. This question was recently discussed among active Swedish wrestlers at the championships for free style and recently the well known Swedish wrestler Goesta Fraendfors met Olle Groenberg of Stockholm in an exhibition match to show just how bad things can be, in this time-honoured art.

"Free style wrestling is not for amateurs," Groenberg pointed out. "It is true the rules say that painful grips are forbidden, as well as breaking the joints. But it's very difficult for a referee to really have any control over those things in free style, where the wrestler's body becomes completely locked by the legs of the opponent. And it's remarkable that the spinal column isn't included as a "joint" in the free style rules, despite its being the most important and easily-damaged system of joints in the human body."

Goesta Fraendfors said: "Yes, and those of us who've been in the game a long time can tell you how painful and terrible some free style grips can be. No, if that's what the public wants to see, let the pro-wrestlers show them, and let's spare the amateurs who join the sport for the fun and pleasure of it."

LAUSANNE FOOTBALL TEAM



This is the squad of the Lausanne football team currently touring Israel. True to their Swiss tradition, the precision teamwork they have demonstrated so far has brought them two victories over local teams. The team visited the Tel Aviv Municipality yesterday, and were received by the Vice-Mayor, Mr. H. Levanon, representing Mayor Y. Rokach, who was indisposed.

Winning Trotters

PARIS, Sunday (AP). — "Mighty Ned," an Italian-owned but American-bred trotter, today won the Prix D'Amerique, the greatest event of the trotting season in Paris. Scotch Thistle, another Italian-owned horse, was second.

Welsh Win

CARDIFF, Sunday (AFP).— Wales yesterday romped home in the International Rugby Union match, whipping England by 23 points to five. It was Wales' biggest victory for 29 years.

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Today's POST BAG

THE WEATHER

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Carmel	79	1	10	9
Haifa Airport	66	12	18	16
Hakirya	72	9	16	47
Lydda Airport	72	13	16	47
Jerusalem	60	7	12	10

FORECAST: In the South, partly cloudy. In the plain, partly cloudy to cloudy. In the North and over mountains, partly cloudy to cloudy with occasional showers.

A) Humidity at 2 p.m. yesterday
B) Minimum temp. yesterday.
C) Maximum temp. yesterday.
D) Maxim. temp. expected today

A cultural centre with concert and exhibition halls and a public library will be built in Haifa with funds promised by a veteran Haifa resident, the Hadar Hacarmel Committee has announced. The centre will be built in Rehov Pevsner.

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The Beersheba election committee met for the first time on Sunday to discuss details of the forthcoming Council elections. The Council will consist of 31 members.

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The first Protestant pilgrims from the U.S. this year crossed the Mandelbaum Gate into Israel yesterday morning. The party will leave tomorrow.

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The Israel Association for University Women has opened an information office at 109 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel Aviv. The office will be open each Sunday between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., for inquiries from immigrants and tourists who are university graduates.

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40 children's restaurants were opened in various parts of the country by the Ministry of Welfare during November and December.

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50,000 tourists visited Israel during 1950 as compared with 22,000 in 1949.

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Two trucks loaded with straw were confiscated yesterday, and the driver of one was detained at Beersheba, after Beduin reported that the straw had been stolen from them.

U.S. MAY ADMIT 20,000 JEWS THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA) — About 20,000 Jewish displaced persons are expected to enter the U.S. under an amended law before the end of this year, it was reported at the Convention of the United Service for New Americans which opened here last night.

Ration News

Additional rations for expectant mothers (all areas): Eggs, 16, in two allocations. Meat, 500 grams, in two allocations. Fresh Milk, 15 litres.

JERUSALEM — Carrots, 250 grams, 238, distribution continues in zone 4. Tomatoes, 250 grams, 236, distribution continues in zone 10. Manual labourers may obtain food coupons today and tomorrow at the Histadrut Building, room 35, between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on presentation of authorization and identity papers.

TEL AVIV — Potatoes, 3 kilograms, Tet 251, temporary 20, tourists 16, distribution ends on Tuesday.

HAIFA and SHOMRON: Eggs, children 6, adults 3, Yud 23, sick persons Het-Aleph 4, Het-Bet 4, Het-Gimel 4. Butter, 100 grams, Zayin 24, Aleph books, sick persons Het-Aleph 4, Het-Bet 4, Het-Daled 4, Fish, 150 grams, Shin-Gimel 21, distribution continues. Potatoes, 2 kilograms, 239, Bananas, 300 grams, Aleph and Bet, Zayin 23. Tomatoes, 250 grams, 201, distribution continues. Clementines, 250 grams, 187, distribution continues. Carrots, 250 grams, 243, distribution continues. Sugar, 1 kilogram, Resh 7 for adults, 1½ kilograms for children on class Aleph books. Fats: margarine, 200 grams, imported butter, 500 grams oil (ration for December) 300 grams, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117. Rice, 250 grams, Aleph and Bet, 172, additional allocation for December 169. Jam, 300 grams, for December, no coupons. Tinned Fish, 1 tin fillet mackerel or 1 tin bitacki (150 grams) or 1 tin akumbria, or 1 tin bream, no coupons. Egg Powder, 112 grams, for adults, no coupons. Biscuits, 150 grams for adults, 250 grams for children, Aleph and Bet. Chocolate, 1 bar to adults, 2 bars to children, no coupons.

Senior Police Officials Censured As Ritov, Friends Are Acquitted

HAIFA, Sunday. — The District Court here acquitted Gershon Ritov and five of his companions of causing a public disturbance and of assaulting policemen on duty as the six-month trial before Judge Moshe Etzioni came to an end today.

In a 20-page reasoned judgment, Dr. Etzioni on the one hand severely criticized the conduct of a number of policemen in the handling of the case, and on the other praised other policemen who had testified without fear against their superiors.

Evidence of the prosecution witnesses was contradictory, unconvincing, and could not sustain the charges, the Judge said.

The trial had aroused widespread interest because of the counter-charges brought by the defence counsel, Mr. E. Toister, that police personnel had been guilty of assault, that a station diary had been mutilated, and that senior police officers had shielded the offenders.

Dr. Etzioni reviewed the facts as they had emerged from the evidence of 26 witnesses. Ritov and five friends had attended a party at Spinney's Restaurant last April. A fight had broken out, and the police were called.

Police, Defence Charges

What had occurred then was not quite clear, the Judge said. Police charged that the accused had assaulted them. The defence said that it was the police who had assaulted the men.

The accused were taken to the Eastern police station, and were charged. Four were detained, and two, Ritov and S. Hinson, were sent home. A few minutes later, however, they were brought back to the station seriously injured. After receiving first aid, they too were locked up until the next morning.

The defence had charged that Inspector David Tryfus, then the station commander, and Sergeant Z. Schwartzbard had prepared an ambush for Ritov and Hinson, and that the whole trial had been staged to cover up the guilt of the police.

Referring to the defence's counter charges, Dr. Etzioni said that it had been proved that Sergeant Schwartzbard and Inspector Tryfus had ordered the station diarist to await their orders regarding an entry on the incident in the diary in disregard of explicit police regulations.

Three trustworthy police witnesses had testified that Sergeant Schwartzbard had torn pages from the station diary with the full knowledge of Inspector Tryfus. Both the inspector and the sergeant had ordered the diarist to copy certain items from torn-off pages.

Inspector Tryfus, called by the Court to refute the testimony against him, admitted that he had interrogated no one on this matter and had passed it to Deputy Superintendent A. Shur. This officer, too, had failed to investigate the matter.

"Is it conceivable that the Haifa police was incapable of tracking down an offence committed in its own ranks? What could have been easier than to interrogate the diarist?... I am also convinced that there is substance in the charges against Inspector Tryfus and Sergeant Schwartzbard that they laid an ambush for Ritov and Hinson.

There was not the shadow of a doubt regarding the trustworthiness of Constable Amado, who had testified against Tryfus and Schwartzbard, as had Constable Avraham Warberg, and there was circumstantial evidence to corroborate their story on this point.

"The conduct of Inspector Tryfus reminds me of an American police commander of the last century quoted in a book by Quentin Reynolds as having told his subordinates: 'There is more law in the end of a policeman's nightstick than in a decision of a Supreme Court'."

"I have no words to denounce such base conduct."

The Judge also found substance in the charges against Inspector Tryfus that he had told his subordinates what evidence they should give during the police investigation and the internal police court of inquiry — charges that were corroborated by evidence from several constables.

"I find, therefore, that it would be wrong to charge Constable Warberg with giving false testimony to the police, as demanded by the prosecutor, Mr. Y. Bar-Zvi.

"I state with great regret that Inspector Tryfus has not only failed to convince me that these witnesses were lying, but that he has added sin to crime by withholding the truth from me. I am appalled that an Israel police officer is capable of such an act."

The judge censured O.S.P. Shur for having warned constable Warberg of the consequences of changing his testimony before the Court although he himself had admitted that he had nothing to do with the fight against the accused.

"Of course, I don't wish to inveigh against the whole of the Haifa police, who to my knowledge do their duty with devotion and efficiency in the face of adverse working conditions. The fact that one policeman after another appeared here in Court, and testified against their superiors without fear, shows the spirit prevailing in the police — vastly different from that of the Mandatory police.

With regard to the conduct of some of the police personnel, "I leave it to the competent authorities to deal with this matter," Judge Etzioni concluded.

Swift Justice

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — "I want to be tried today," said Zeo Stankoff, a cart driver from Sheikh Muwanis, who was charged in the Magistrate's Court here today with keeping a radio without a licence.

The accused explained that because of the threat of rain he would lose a day's work in any case. His request was granted, although his case was to have been postponed. The Magistrate, Mr. H. Loewenberg, fined him 100 pruta.

Stankoff was reported to have left the Court saying, "all Government offices should work that well."

Kibbutz Fined IL.300, Secretary Jailed

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM)— Kibbutz Nachshonim, near here, was fined IL.300 and its Secretary, Shimon Bornstein, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment by the Anti-Profiteering Court here today, for overcharging on 15 tons of barley and selling over 11 tons of wheat without a permit.

The kibbutz was also ordered to pay IL.300 as a good conduct bond for one year.

The Court found that the kibbutz had overcharged the Kfar Shmaryahu Council IL.7 on each ton of the barley last May. The accused were reprimanded by the Court for contributing to the black market particularly "when the public looked to the kibbutzim to set an example."

3 Dead, 2 Hurt Over Weekend

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Two causes of sudden death, a suicide, and two serious traffic accidents involving children were reported here over the weekend.

On Friday afternoon, Mr. Leon Barzan, 60, an engineer employed at Hakirya, was found dead in a hotel bathtub. Police believe that he died of a heart attack.

Two-year-old Malka Holer, was found dead in her crib in her home at Rehov Ovadia yesterday. The cause of death has not yet been determined.

The body of a 16-year-old girl from the Harakevet quarter was found in a ravine near the Rosh Pina bridge yesterday. It was believed she took her own life.

Simha Behar, 11, of the Nusha quarter sustained a broken shoulder when he was hit by a truck on King George Avenue in Jaffa.

Seven-year-old Hugi Green, of Kfar Salamah, sustained a concussion when he was hit by an Army tender this morning outside the village on the main Lydda road.

Bus Hits Mines, No One Hurt

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — A bus load of tourists from Tel Aviv escaped injury yesterday when their vehicle was damaged by an explosion beneath its wheels of two old anti-personnel mines.

The vehicle had approached the Beth Eshel area from across the fields, and the driver had apparently not seen the mine notices displayed along the tracks leading to the area.

Court Grants Order Against J'lem Mayor

On the application of Mr. J. Misrahi, a Histadrut member of the Jerusalem Municipal Council, the Supreme Court yesterday gave an order nisi against the Mayor of Jerusalem to show cause why he should not abstain from summoning Mr. Y. Melamed, elected on the Religious Bloc list, to Council meetings.

The Mayor was also asked to show cause why he should not prevent Mr. Melamed from taking part in the deliberations and voting of the Council.

The petitioner alleged that Mr. Melamed is disqualified from acting as a Councillor since he is on the Municipal payroll as a school teacher and principal.

The Court consisted of Mr. Justices Cheshin, Agranat, and Witkon. The applicant was represented by Mr. H. Krongold.

"Masal Tav," El Al's Constellation aircraft, began operating yesterday on the Lydda-Paris-London route, pending the opening of the New York service.

Squatters Camp at Beersheba Offices, Demand Group Reunion

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Seven families of newcomers from Kurdistan, comprising 50 persons, including 20 children were tonight still camping near the Histadrut building here for the fourth consecutive night.

They had left their homes at Mivtahim, where they had settled a month ago, and trekked to Beersheba on Thursday. There they squatted in the Histadrut and Municipality buildings, demanding to be transferred to Kastina, where other members of their group had been settled.

They also claimed that the large families could not exist on the IL.1,400 a day paid them for public works, and in addition had to wait from three to four weeks for payment.

After failing to persuade them to return to their homes or to move to the immigrants' hostels here, Histadrut and Municipal officials provided beds and food for the squatters, who encamped in the courtyard of the Histadrut building. Wine was provided for Kiddush on Friday night.

Efforts to arrange their transfer to Kastina are now being made.

Suspect Found Veiled Hiding in Barrel

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — A patrol yesterday found the man involved in the recent feud between two Beduin tribes, which resulted from a shepherd's quarrel over a water jug. He was dressed as an Arab woman and was hiding in an empty water barrel.

He is Abet Raba Mahmoud Abu Rayum, 19, of the Abu Rayim tribe, and is wanted for the murder last week of an Abu Farkhan tribesman.

The patrol went to the house of Sheikh Musa Atauna, where the man was thought to be hidden. They searched all the inhabitants and checked their identity documents, and then searched the building, finding Abet Raba, with his face veiled, hiding in the barrel.

Country's Biggest Need Is Stockpiling

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Stockpiling of essential commodities is the most important task of this country at the present moment, Mr. H. Hollander, Director-General of the Ministry of Trade and Industry and Commercial Adviser to the Government, told correspondents here today. It was Mr. Hollander's first meeting with the press after his reappointment to the post which he had previously held under Mr. P. Bernstein in the Provisional Government.

Stocks were more important than the non-payment imports which he himself had advocated at the time when the international market was different from today. A committee has been formed, including Mr. A. Weinberg, Acting Controller of Foreign Exchange, Mr. E.F. Shinnar, Director of Non-Payment Imports, and himself to devise the policy to be followed.

Mr. Hollander said he had accepted the post after the terms of reference of the Ministry had been defined precisely. They now include the promotion of production and efficiency; increased exports, and the attraction of foreign capital. Although Vice-President of the Mizrahi Party, Mr. Hollander said that in his capacity as Director-General of the Ministry or as Adviser of Trade and Industry to the Cabinet, he represented no party. His party leaders, however, had approved his appointment, he said.

Transfer to Jerusalem

The Ministry will move to Jerusalem shortly, probably within a fortnight. There will also be changes in the system of rationing textiles and footwear, but the public is not likely to get more than it is getting, because the changes are mainly of an administrative nature.

According to a proposal by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, the three economic Ministers (Finance, Trade and Industry, and Agriculture) will have weekly meetings to discuss special matters, with the Advisers on Trade (Mr. Hollander), and Economics (Mr. D. Horowitz) attending. The scheme will speed up discussions on technical economical matters.

Questioned on Mr. Y. Geri's statement on the freezing of wages, Mr. Hollander said that what the Minister of Trade and Industry had meant was that the State, in defining its economic policy, should not be dependent on the uncertainties of agreements between employers and employees.

Infiltrator Testifies In Murder Case

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — An infiltrator from the Old City of Jerusalem told the District Court here today that Abdullah Abed, who is charged with the murder of his employer, Avraham Elkayam, confessed to him while they were imprisoned together in Beersheba last year. According to the charge, Abed shot and killed Elkayam in an abandoned house outside Beersheba.

The witness, Gregorius Santanas, denied that he had beaten or intimidated the accused into making the confession. Abed confessed to him after they had been in the same cell together for 12 days, the witness said. After that he feared Abed, and was moved to another cell, Santanas said.

The accused then testified that Santanas had been put in charge of a group of prisoners, and had beaten him on various occasions. The trial will be resumed tomorrow.

Immigrants Arrive Sick from Storm

HAIFA, Sunday. — Most of the 1,432 immigrants from Rumania, who arrived in the s.s. Transylvania, and the 783 immigrants from Poland in the s.s. Galilah were seasick when they landed in Haifa today.

Both ships arrived several hours behind schedule owing to a violent storm at sea, the worst this year, according to the port authorities.

Jewish Agency officials said that owing to the immigrants' condition, landing formalities were completed much slower than usual and none of the 70 immigrant families, who were to go directly from the ship to a ma'abara were able to go. All immigrants were taken to the Shaar Ha'aliyah camp.

The storm was especially violent in the east Mediterranean, and the Turkish s.s. Ankara with about 500 immigrants, which was expected early today, had not arrived at a late hour this evening.

Huleh Draining Work Begins

TIBERIAS, Sunday. — Work on the draining of the Huleh marshes began last week when bulldozers went into action to level the ground for approach roads and earth-moving cranes started digging a channel south of the Bnot Yaacov Bridge.

Into this channel the river will be temporarily diverted and meanwhile its bed will be deepened by eight metres and widened to 20 metres for a four and a half kilometre stretch from the point where the Jordan leaves Lake Huleh to 500 metres south of the B'not Yaacov Bridge. The cranes will be assisted by blasting equipment wherever possible.

The deepening of the Jordan River bed will lead to a lowering of the Huleh Lake level and to the draining of the higher-lying marshes.

At certain places along the river, where diversion of the waters into a channel is impossible or impractical, movable temporary dams will be constructed for a limited period during which the bed will be deepened and widened below the dam.

IL.15m. JNF Budget for 5711

For its Jubilee Year, the Jewish National Fund has adopted a budget of IL.15m., Mr. Joseph Weitz, member of the Board of Directors, told the press yesterday.

Of this amount, IL.4.5m. will go for the acquisition of land, IL.1.5 m. for soil amelioration and the drainage of the Huleh, IL.1m. for afforestation, IL.4m. for settlement needs, IL.3.15 m. for the amortization of debts, and IL.500,000 for publicity and administration.

Revenue from contributions is expected to be not less than in 5710 (IL.15m.). About IL.1m. is anticipated from rent of leased land; most of the balance will be covered by the loans granted last year.

The J.N.F. had purchased about 1,100,000 out of a total of more than 4m. dunams of cultivable, abandoned Arab land. It had also bought about 50,000 dunams direct from Arab owners. Some of the land was in the Wadi Arara.

In its purchasing policy for abandoned land the J.N.F. has sought to buy entire tracts, including one north of the Huleh (30,000 dunams), in the Beisan Valley (60,000 dunams), along the coast between Tantura and Tira, east of the Emek Hefer (60,000 dunams), and some 400,600 dunams in the Jerusalem Corridor and the Shfelah.

Land was also bought, totalling more than 250,000 dunams, for the expansion of some 90 existing settlements. Some 22,000 dunams were bought for suburban settlement, particularly around Tel Aviv.

Despite these large-scale purchases the need for land is so great that during the past year over a hundred settlements were established on land which was not yet the legal property of the authority which allocated it. The J.N.F. therefore recently reached an agreement with the Government for the purchase of another million dunams, which will suffice for the existing, and for a number of new, settlements and J.N.F. housing schemes in 5711. These areas include some 250,000 dunams in the Negev, and tracts east of Gaza, in the Jerusalem Corridor and the Shfelah, between Bet Shemesh and Migdal Gad, in the Emek Jezreel and in Western Galilee.

AMERICA GAVE J.N.F. $150m. IN 50 YEARS

WASHINGTON, Sunday (INA). — American Jewry contributed $150m. to the Jewish National Fund in its 50 years of existence, it was reported at the opening session of the J.N.F. jubilee conference here attended by 2,000 delegates from 800 communities in the U.S. Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the organization in America, said that American Jewry should "have the vision" to repeat that sum.

Tree-Planting In T.A., Jaffa, Haifa Delayed

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Tu B'Shvat celebrations and tree-planting by Tel Aviv and Jaffa school children, due to be held this morning, had to be cancelled because of rain, and will take place tomorrow instead.

In the Carmel School, Tu B'Shvat was linked with a presentation of the "first books" to first-grade pupils, accompanied by short plays and recitations.

In Haifa, the tree-planting ceremonies scheduled for tomorrow have been cancelled owing a bad weather.

Yiddish Paper Fined

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—Damages of IL.360 were awarded to the Eshkol Anavim Co. of 16 Rehov Hamashbir, by the District Court here today, against the Yiddish newspaper "Letzte Neies," which was found guilty of libel.

The Court found that the paper had reported in a "derogatory" and "misrepresenting" manner a court case in which the plaintiffs were fined on an anti-profiteering charge. It also held that the defendants had never published a retraction.



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LAB WORKERS TO STRIKE

TEL AVIV, unday. — About 400 laboratory workers in Government and private institutions have scheduled a one-day strike for next week if their demands are not met, according to a letter sent to all employers today. The laboratory assistants intended striking today, but postponed the threat at the last minute.

One of their main requests is to equalize the pay of laboratory workers with diplomas to that of doctors. The Clerks' Union approved the demands, but the Histadrut Trades Union Department rejected them.

UNESCO has begun work on a plan designed to help Indonesia lower her illiteracy rate by training thousands of demobilized soldiers as teachers.

CITATION
In the District Court of Haifa T.E. 4/51

In the matter of the succession of Mousa, son of Muhammad Ali, Behal, deceased:

Petitioner: Amar, daughter of Badiullah, Behal, of No. 1 Wine Street, Haifa, Israel.

Let all persons take notice that Amar, daughter of Badiullah, Behal, has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession to Mousa, son of Muhammad Ali, Behal, deceased, and that the said application will be heard at February 2, 1951 at 10 a.m.

All persons claiming any interest must appear at the said place and time, otherwise such order will be made as to the Court seems right.

January 14, 1951.

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Cables in Brief

THE FIRST batch of Vampire jet fighters is leaving Singapore for Hong Kong in the middle of this week to "rearm fighter squadrons there."

POPULATION of the U.S. has increased by nearly two million since the census was taken last April, according to statistics of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

HASHISH to the value of $1,000,000 has been discovered in motor tyres in the Standard Oil Co. compound at Port Said. Coastguards have arrested two watchmen smuggling the tyres over the wall. They contained 314 kg. of hashish.

SPANISH charge d'affaires at Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Maestro de Leon, was found yesterday hanging from outside the balcony of his home.

EGYPT has opened an information office in London "to provide the British public with factual information on every aspect of Egyptian life."

Machine Gun Dump Found in Milan

MILAN, Sunday (Reuter). — Police H.Q. here reported today that several arrests had been made following the discovery of one of the largest secret arms dumps uncovered in Italy since the war.

They said the dump had been found in the cellars of a garage and in an adjoining air raid shelter in a suburb of Milan. The arms, in perfect condition and stacked neatly on shelves, included five anti-aircraft machine guns, about 50 machine and tommy guns, a mortar, and 76 cases of mortar bombs.

Greece Asked to Press Enosis Demand on 'Ike'

By Shaho Goebenlian, POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, Sunday. — The influential leading Greek newspaper, "Eleftheria," in an editorial today invites the supreme Church authorities here to contact Athens immediately with the request that the Greek government formally place its claim for the union of Cyprus with Greece (Enosis) before General Eisenhower during his forthcoming Athens visit.

(The General's spokesman has denied a proposed visit to Greece — see P.1.).

The paper says that the obligations which Greece will accept "and honourably fulfil ... in the defence of the Mediterranean against Communism" imply certain rights. "The Hellenic claim for union of Cyprus with Greece should be settled now in return for Greece's part in General Eisenhower's plans."

The "Cyprus Mail" yesterday published a denial by Mr. Ram Yaron, Israel Consul here, of a story published by the paper last week that 180 Jews had been turned back from Haifa. Mr. Yaron pointed out that since Israel's establishment no immigrants had been turned from its shores. The 250 immigrants on a Turkish vessel which arrived at Haifa (to which the report referred) on December 27, have all been landed in the normal manner.

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"Elisha" Hospital, Haifa, January 20, 1951.

The staff of the State Comptroller's office wish to express their sincere condolences to Mr. M. B. Meiri and his family on the death of

Mr. ISRAEL REITMAN

the head of their family.

Hadassah Clubs for Overseas Visitors

WEEKLY SEMINARS

Haifa: Today, January 22, at 4.30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. F. Zahar, Hatishbi B St., House Abraham, Mt. Carmel.
Mr. E. Harris, on "Art in Israel."

Tel Aviv: Tomorrow, January 23, at 4.30 p.m., at the Hadassah Club, 80 Hayarkon Street.
Mrs. E. Agron, on "Voluntary Organisations in the Upbuilding of Israel."

Jerusalem: Wednesday, January 24, at 4 p.m., at the home of Mrs. M. Elasher, 34 Ben Maimon Avenue.
Dr. M. Avidor, on "Education in Israel."

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Army Officers Are Syria's Government

By Philip Toynbee

ON New Year's Eve, the shooting match was declared closed by the only person in Syria with even the semblance of enough authority to make such a declaration. The circumstances of this declaration were interesting. Three months ago Colonel Nasser, the head of the Air Force, was assassinated in a fashion as flamboyant as it was brutal. In the last week of the old year the army officers who had been accused of this political crime, not without circumstantial evidence, were honourably and triumphantly acquitted and a dinner of congratulation was provided for them. It was at this dinner that Colonel Shishakli, the Deputy Chief of Staff and the reticent ruler of the country, announced that the period of military coups d'etat and assassinations was now over.



Col. Shishakli

At least it is true that scores are now more or less level in the obscure vendettas of Syrian politics, and it is also true that the present regime appears to be both securely and astutely in the saddle. The situation is odd, and reveals a striking difference between Syria and the other Arab States of the Middle East. In Iraq and Jordan one gets the impression that Syria is a strictly non-viable State, corrupt even by lax Middle Eastern standards, politically tormented and virtually incapable of subsisting as a political entity. But this is an interested view, since both Syria's southern neighbours are anxious to incorporate her in a larger Arab unity which one or both of them will rule. Once in Syria, the situation seems less simple. It is flagrantly true that the army is the real ruler of the country, and that assassinations have been monotonously regular here. But in many important ways Syria is not the least but the most hopeful country in the Arab Middle East.

Army rule is notoriously incompatible with real civic security and genuine political democracy. Needless to say, neither of these benefits has been accorded to Syria in any western understanding of the terms. People live in lively fear of the ubiquitous military police, and once arrested by that formidable organization their chances of a fair trial are poor.

Progressive Institution

But in social and political intentions the Syrian army is the most progressive institution in the country. It is remarkable, not in having made three coups d'etat and instigated a number of political assassinations, but in having refused to set up a military dictatorship. Shishakli's interpretation of the immediate past is succinct, but probably as accurate as such a simplification can be. In March, 1949, a coup d'etat got rid of the old gang politicians and broke the power of the corrupt landowners; in August of the same year it was found necessary to take strong measures against the dictatorship of Colonel Zaim, a political distortion which had never been intended by the originators of the movement; in December, a forcible change of government was made "to preserve the independence of the country (from politicians who were plotting with the Hashemite kingdoms). The year 1950 was devoted to the consolidation of the new progressive regime, and it is now proclaimed that this rather savage consolidation has been achieved.

Shishakli's History

There is more to it than that —more in the way of personal animosities and struggle for power. But Shishakli's condensed history will bear examination. It is true that in 1950 Syria provided itself with a liberal and intelligent constitution and that the present Government is honestly anxious to abide by it. So is the army—although it is also true that if the Government did anything which Shishakli found unendurable he would not endure it.

Rather oddly, the new constitution embodies a number of purely social and economic aspirations, all extremely benevolent. In general terms these provide for the abolition of illiteracy in the next ten years; a severe limitation of the size of individual land holdings; a generous increase in the number of primary schools; a system of state-organized social security; an educational and mutual aid organization for the peasants. A hardened Middle Easterner may be inclined to grin when he peruses this fine list of high intentions; but there seems a reasonable chance that some of these things will be done, at least in part. Already there has been a perceptible increase in the number of primary schools, and 20 per cent of the last budget was devoted to education. Already, too, certain of the larger estates have been shorn, and landless peasants settled on the parings. The army is determined to have a progressive and democratic Syria, and the army usually has its way.

There is a more dangerous and widespread Moslem fanaticism in Syria than in such a relatively lackadaisical country as Iraq. But at least the intentions of the regime are benevolent, and it is in a position to carry out some of its intentions. From this point of view alone Syrian independence is well worth preserving from the more backward but stronger neighbours who covet these fertile and underpopulated plains.

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SABBATH ZEALOTS BURN CARS



One of the seven cars set on fire by Sabbath zealots in Jerusalem last Friday. The above car belongs to Mr. Epstein, an architect. Photo by Braun.

Readers' Letters

RELIGION AND FREEDOM

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—Progressive citizens of Jerusalem should be indebted to Mr. Gesundheit for revealing so frankly the mentality which they will have to fight within the next few years.

(1) In the course of hundreds of Zionist meetings which I have attended during the last 25 years, I have never heard any interest expressed in the orthodoxy of Jerusalem's mayor. The city's Council is elected to serve the citizens and represent their point of view, and it would be wrong of Jews in the Diaspora to attempt to dictate to them. Among U.S. Jewry serious apprehension has been voiced in connection with the danger to freedom involved in the demands of the "religious" politicians.

(2) Bye-laws to enforce religious observance necessarily involve the use of the police and the courts to inflict fines and imprisonment on those who break the law.

(3) A strict "Shabbat régime," by causing bitterness and unedifying conflicts, will reduce, not increase, the sanctity of Jerusalem in the eyes of the world and our own people. The Jewish claim to Jerusalem rests on the city's historic position as Israel's capital and on the inalienable claim of its citizens to self-determination, as well as on religious motives. Mr. Gesundheit's contentions, by ignoring the first two points, strike a serious blow at our rights to Jerusalem as our capital.

(4) There is no reason why any one should accept your correspondent's estimate of the proportion of Jerusalemites who are "observant." It is a fact that the majority of electors have rejected in advance the measures he proposes.

(5) Over 70 per cent of the electorate, who voted for secular parties and elected 15 out of 21 councillors, expect their representatives to oppose the policies against which they voted. If they are betrayed by some of these representatives they will transfer their support to parties which are not represented in the group which manoeuvred Mr. Shragai into his present position.

Yours, etc.,
MISHA LOUVISH
Jerusalem, January 21.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—In answer to a query which recently appeared in your columns about vocational guidance, we would like to point out that since June, 1944, a Vocational Guidance Bureau has been operating as part of Hadassah's Brandeis Vocational Centre in Jerusalem. At the same time, a branch was also opened in Haifa. More than 10,000 persons have availed themselves of this service. Although most of the clients are students of elementary, vocational and secondary schools, a great deal of work has been done with ex-servicemen, new immigrants, and disabled persons. During the past few months, the Vocational Guidance Bureau has worked in close co-operation with Government departments.

All persons wishing to utilize the services of Hadassah's Vocational Guidance Bureau should write to P.O.B. 1406, Jerusalem, or P.O.B. 944, Haifa.

Yours, etc.,
S. R. EBSTEIN,
Publicity Officer, Hadassah.
Jerusalem, January 18.

A CONTRIBUTION

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—I escaped injury in a car accident several days ago, and as a token of gratitude I would like to offer the enclosed IL.5 for needy children.

Could you be kind enough to donate the money for me.

Yours, etc.,
H.R.
Haifa, January 14.

TEXT OF ISRAEL NOTE ON REPARATIONS

Calling Germany to Account

The following is the full text of the Israel note on Jewish claims for restitution, indemnification, reparations and transfer from Germany which was submitted last week to the Governments of the U.S., Britain, France and the U.S.S.R.

THE Minister of Israel in London presents his compliments to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and, under instructions from the Government of Israel, has the honour to communicate the following observations on the question of Israel claims against Germany.

2. There is no need to describe at length the havoc wrought by Hitler Germany on the Jews of Germany and elsewhere in Europe, between the years 1933 and 1945. Over six million of them were starved, tortured, shot or gassed to death in a feat of systematic mass slaughter which has no parallel in history. Hundreds of thousands of others took refuge outside Europe before the war, or were found at its end amongst the pitiful wrecks of humanity surviving in the concentration camps.

After the surrender of Germany, it was beyond human power to revive the dead, to efface the past sufferings of the living, or to restore the ancient communities which had been destroyed. The only way in which the German people could still discharge some fraction of its appalling guilt was by the fullest possible redress for the material losses suffered by the victims of the Third Reich. Those losses were staggering; for instance, the Jewish property despoiled in Germany alone is estimated at a total value of over £1,000,000,000 (about $3,000,000,000).

Occupation Aim

3. It was one of the objects of the Allied occupation of Germany to secure measures of such material redress, and certain laws for restitution and indemnification were enacted by the Occupation Authorities in the various Zones. It is a lamentable fact that close on six years after the end of the war these provisions remain largely unfulfilled. The claimants are now seriously disturbed lest such prospects as do exist of getting their claims met should in effect be nullified by the steps being contemplated by the Occupying Powers to divest themselves of control over the affairs of the German Federal Republic.

The Government of Israel, viewing these developments with anxiety, understands that the Occupying Powers are considering the inclusion of restitution and indemnification among those powers that are to be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Government of the German Federal Republic. The Government of Israel would welcome an assurance that these powers will continue to be reserved in the hands of the occupation authorities, and that Military Boards of Review or other non-German appellate restitution authorities will be maintained to secure the due implementation of the restitution laws.

German Reluctance

This appears particularly necessary having regard to the reluctance which the German authorities have hitherto shown in carrying out the functions entrusted to them under these laws.

4. Those Jewish claims for which some provision has so far been made may be grouped as follows: —

(a) Restitution of identifiable property, including communal and heirless property;

(b) Indemnification for injuries to life, liberty and health (including payment of wages for compulsory labour);

(c) Refund of special taxes and forced "contributions;"

(d) Claims for social insurance and old age pensions.

A great number of German Jews had already emigrated to Palestine by 1939, and with the clearing of the Displaced Persons camps after the war, a considerable proportion of the above claims are now held by inhabitants of Israel.

5. Efforts have been made by the Allied Occupation Authorities in Germany to secure the restitution of identifiable property, and legislation for this purpose exists in the Zones of Occupation. The pace, however, at which this legislation is being implemented is wholly unsatisfactory. Only a small percentage of claims actually submitted has so far been dealt with, and at the present rate of progress it might take until 1955 or longer to dispose of pending claims.

6. As regards indemnification, there exists comprehensive legislation only in the United States Zone, and such provision as has been enacted in the other Zones is extremely limited in scope.

Certain indemnification laws were adopted in the French Zone in the course of 1950, but these are restricted to claimants who were physically present in the respective Laender on or after certain qualifying dates, or else they require that the loss must have been suffered in the Land concerned.

No general claims law is in force in any one of the Laender of the British Zone, and under existing legislation claims are practically restricted to compensation for loss of life and limb and deprivation of liberty. Furthermore, this legislation almost entirely excludes claims brought by Displaced Persons who did not have their domicile or residence in one of the Laender of the Zone.

The compensation law enacted in the Western sectors of Berlin on 14 October 1950 also excludes Displaced Persons from its benefits, which in any case fall far below those provided for in the United States Zone.

Even in the United States Zone, the General Claims Law of 1 April 1949 does not provide compensation for such Displaced Persons as were able to leave Germany before 1 January 1947.

A unified general claims law is required for the whole of Germany, modelled on the law in force in the United States Zone, but dispensing with the arbitrary restriction on the claims of Displaced Persons, based upon qualifying dates for sojourn in Germany.

The implementation of the various indemnification laws is fraught with great difficulty owing to the fact that even after the establishment of the Federal Republic of Germany the financial liability for the implementation of these laws still remains with the individual Laender. Until a general claims law is enacted for the whole of the Federal Republic of Germany, it is imperative that the federal authorities accept financial liability under the indemnification laws, jointly and severally with the Laender.

(d) The speeding up of actual restitution and payment of compensation claims;

(e) The urgent solution of the transfer problem between the parties concerned.

U.K. Opinion Asked

10. The Government of Israel would welcome an early expression of the views of the United Kingdom Government concerning the steps which might most effectively be taken towards securing the ends outlined in this Note. The Minister of Israel in London has been instructed to stress the deep feeling with which the Government and people of Israel regard the question of the amends due by Germany for the immeasurable injury inflicted upon the Jewish people and their belief that atonement by the German Government and people for this injury is a necessary prelude to any political and moral rehabilitation of Germany in the eyes of the civilized world. The Government of Israel cannot reconcile itself to the enjoyment by Germany of the fruit of its rapine and murder, while the victims of an unholy German regime are denied all comfort and redress. It is in the assurance that the Government of the United Kingdom will understand fully the extent and gravity of the issues involved that the Government of Israel invokes its good offices and counsel in this matter.

Exchange Problem

7. Years after the end of the war, Jewish claimants residing outside Germany are still debarred by exchange restrictions from obtaining any material advantage from their claims or property, the benefit whereof thus continues to accrue to the German economy. So rigidly are these controls enforced that even those Jews who under the Hitler regime, up to 1939, had regularly received social insurance pensions and remittances abroad in non-German currency, are now unable to have these payments remitted to them.

The general currency restrictions are meant to apply to German inhabitants or foreign investors who wish to transfer funds in the normal course, and there can be no moral justification for applying them to those Jews who escaped or survived the Nazi regime and now desire to utilize the proceeds of their assets and claims to make possible their rehabilitation elsewhere. Indeed, the laws providing for restitution and indemnification, such as they are, are of little worth if the claimants are unable to transfer from Germany even that nominal fraction of their total losses which these laws are expected to restore to them.

The Government of Israel has a special interest in this problem of transfer. Israel has absorbed most of the Jewish Displaced Persons who were in camps in Germany at the end of the war, and has thereby shouldered a financial burden which would otherwise have fallen on the Occupation Authorities. If it is contemplated that transfer arrangements take the form of transfer of goods, it is suggested that the goods be selected in such a way as to make the most useful contribution towards the resettlement and absorption of the Displaced Persons and other refugees brought to Israel from Germany.

Fraction of Claims

8. The claims which have so far been discussed in this Note form only one slight segment of the total Jewish claims against Germany. For instance, the restitution laws cover a minor proportion of the Jewish property actually looted in Germany under Nazi rule, and do not apply at all to the great mass of property of which Jews were dispossessed by German authorities in the occupied territories outside Germany. Similarly, the provisions for indemnification are available only to that limited number of claimants who were in Germany at certain given dates. Those Jewish losses for which Germany must be held accountable, and which do not fall within the scope of the laws providing for individual restitution and indemnification, can only be made good on a collective basis, by the satisfaction of reparations claims on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people. The Government of Israel makes an express reservation in respect of such claims, which will form the subject of a separate Note.

9. Leaving aside the question of reparations, the measures for which the Government of Israel is anxious to claim the urgent attention of the Occupying Powers may be summed up as follows:

(a) The retention of control over restitution and indemnification among the powers reserved to the Allied Occupation Authorities, as well as the retention of the Military Boards of Review or other corresponding non-German appellate authorities;

(b) The improvement of the existing indemnification laws — in particular, the adoption of a General Claims Law for the whole of the Federal Republic of Germany;

(c) The immediate assumption by the Government of the German Federal Republic of financial liability under the indemnification laws, jointly and severally with the Laender;

KEEPING POSTED

A man who has a ground-floor flat on Mount Carmel was awakened the other day by the sound of fumbling at one of the shutters. When he called out to ask who it was, he received the surprising answer, in English, "Your butler. Let me in!". The man called back to say he hadn't got a butler, would he please go away? In the end, being a military man, he seized a pistol, threw open the shutter, and then searched and cross-examined his untimely guest. He also woke up his tenant and asked him to phone 999, the emergency police number, and get them to take the intruder away. They replied "Immediately," and the man in pyjamas and a pistol and the butler-burglar were then left sitting on the doorstep for rather more than half an hour. In this case, our man said, the trouble was mainly that he ran out of conversation before the time was up, but a less well equipped householder might have got robbed or murdered in the meantime, he thinks.

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LIKE most visitors to Israel, Mr. Jacobson of Kimberly, South Africa, has a few words to say about "that much maligned city," Tel Aviv. In a letter to The POST he insists that most of the accusations levelled against the city are grossly exaggerated, if not downright untrue. But "referring to it as a noisy city is a magnificent understatement. The noise is infernal. 90 per cent of it is contributed by drivers keeping their thumbs continuously on their horns. Putting up STOP signs at every intersection would avoid both accidents and hooting, and help to replace the more expensive traffic lights which Israel cannot afford." Mr. Jacobson is equally perturbed



about the free use of the word "piastre" when counting change.... "the poor confused tourist can find only the word prutot on the back of his coins. If you must hoot," he concludes, "please hoot the piastre out of existence."

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WHEN Larry Adler, celebrated harmonica player, and Paul Draper, the dancer, who are now touring Israel, entered a Tel Aviv cafe after their first performance last week, the stir they caused was increased to an amused hubbub when a rather buxom blonde leaned over a rail and kissed Draper on the cheek. The dancer leapt effortlessly over the rail and returned the compliment. Blushing, the girl returned to her table. "Anything for a bet," said she, and collected IL.2 off a friend.

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ADLER, who cannot read music and who has to learn everything written for him by ear, was once asked to play before the late King of Sweden. When he arrived he found an audience of three, amongst whom was the King, who nodded throughout the virtuoso's renderings of Bach and Mozart. In desperation Adler tried, "The Music Goes Round and Round," whereupon the King sat bolt upright and exclaimed, "You are a genius!" Adler has decided to spend more time here, because he would like to meet harmonica players in the settlements and to give performances in out-of-the-way places. He had often had trees planted for him in Israel, he said, and he now wanted to see some of them.

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A FOUR-year-old accompanying his mother on her daily errands was overwhelmed by the unusual treat of three large bananas, his ration of 300 grams. Munching away, he delightedly asked his mother to buy some more bananas tomorrow. He was very crestfallen when his mother explained that the ration was normally only for infants, but perked up with a bright idea. "Ima," said he, "have another baby immediately and then we can always have bananas."

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AN advertisement in our columns last week exhorted readers to "stop worrying and read a good book." One glance at the titles offered the following cheerful fare: Oper-



ation Cicero. The Naked and the Dead, Popsky's Private Army, Stalin, Rommel, War Memoirs of Churchill, Mussolini, Leahy, Epic of Espionage, (to name a few) gives one the impression that war-harried citizens would be given the final jolt after a dose of this "selected reading."

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Registration of British Subjects — 1951

IMPORTANT

British subjects now resident in Israel are reminded that they should register with the nearest British Consular Office.

British subjects by Naturalization granted in the United Kingdom and Colonies should, when registering, make a formal declaration of their intention to retain British Nationality.

Failure to do so may render them liable to be deprived of their British Status.

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